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(54) Title: ANTI PIRACY SYSTEM IN A PEER-TO-PEER NETWORK
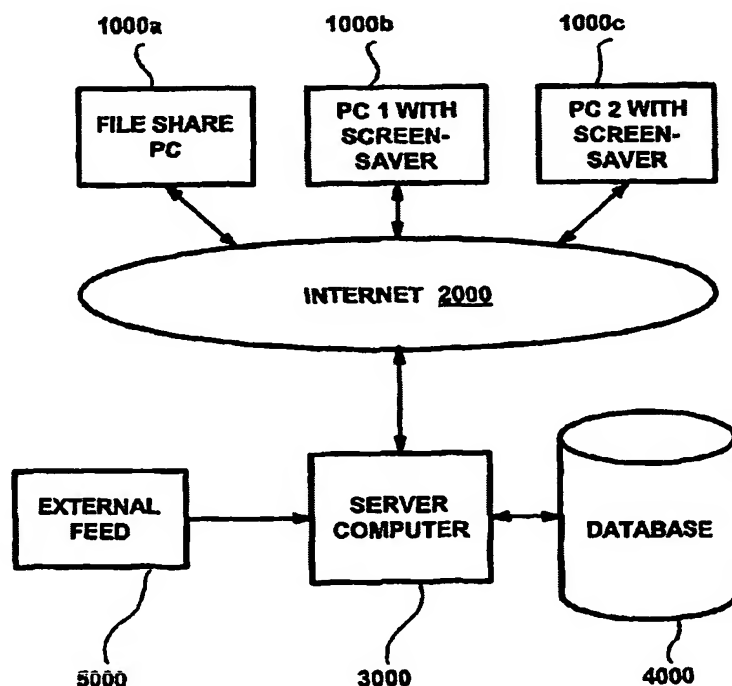
(57) Abstract: A system for combating file piracy via peer-to-peer networks, comprising a plurality of terminal devices 1000a-1000c each running a client program arranged to emulate a peer-to-peer user. The terminal devices receive requests to download files or segments of files and provide corrupt versions of those files or segments (spoofing), or provide the requested files at a first data rate and after some time with a second lower data rate (stemming). The terminal devices also overload the network (interdiction) by making slow downloads of pirates files form users of the peer-to peer network, or simultaneously making downloads of the same pirated file from several terminals. Client program in the form of a screen saver.